

Carolyn McCarthy

Protecting our Nation's Defense - 108th Congress

Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy is committed to ensuring America wins the war on terrorism by supporting legislation to fund defense, enhance American intelligence capabilities and to transform the way the nation defends itself in a post-Cold War world. McCarthy strongly supports US troops both at home and overseas by supporting improved benefits for the military and expressing the Sense of Congress to honor their great contributions.

IMPROVING HOMELAND SECURITY

Committed to improving intelligence performance and minimizing the possibility of surprise attacks, Congresswoman McCarthy supports legislation, which increases funding to enhance human intelligence capabilities and the ability to coordinate the work of separate agencies.

- ✓ **H.R.764, the First Responders Expedited Assistance Act of 2003**, would appropriate funds for grants by the Office for Domestic Preparedness of the Department of Homeland Security
- ✓ **H.R.580, Commercial Airline Missile Defense Act**, would direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations requiring turbojet aircraft of air carriers to be equipped with missile defense systems, and for other purposes.
- ✓ **H.R.1007, the Homeland Security Block Grant Act of 2003**, would provide for homeland security block grants.
- ✓ **H.R.2455, the Universal Screening of Air Cargo Act**, would improve air cargo security.
- ✓ **H.R.3158, Preparing America to Respond Effectively Act of 2003**, would establish a task force to determine essential capabilities for State and local jurisdictions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to State and local governments to achieve such capability, and for other purposes.

STRENGTHENING OUR MILITARY

McCarthy supports legislation that ensures a broad-based and sustained effort against terrorism that will ensure the security of the country. She understands that more resources are needed to defend the United States and to continue the war against global terrorism.

- ✓ **H.R. 2658, the National Defense Appropriations Bill**, which provides \$368.2 billion in new budget authority for the Department of Defense and includes emergency supplemental

spending. **Here are specific projects in the 4th district receiving funding from the bill:**

- **Arkwin Industries in Westbury:** Arkwin manufactures the Hydraulic fill pump for all H-60 helicopters. The bill allocates \$228 million for 5 UH-60L and 4 HH-60L MEDEVAC helicopters.
- **Peerless Industries in Lynbrook:** Peerless distributes electronic products used in H-60 helicopters. The bill allocates \$228 million for 5 UH-60L and 4 HH-60L MEDEVAC helicopters.
- **Cold Spring Harbor:** Received \$2 million for the Center for Women's Cancer Genetics.

HONORING AND REWARDING SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

McCarthy recognizes the great contribution of members of the United States Armed Forces and supports legislation to improve benefits, services and treatment of Service Men and Women. She voted for legislation honoring and commending the US military, which she sees as an especially important act of Congress during times of overseas conflict involving U.S. troops.

- ✓ **H.R.3051** : To pay a one-time bonus to members of the Armed Forces who served or serve in a combat zone designated for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.
- ✓ **H.R.2998 , Injured Soldiers Hospital bill**, would provide permanent authority for the exemption for certain members of the uniformed services from an otherwise-applicable requirement for the payment of subsistence charges while hospitalized.
- ✓ **H.R.1906** : To amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the Transition Assistance Program for persons separating from active duty in the Armed Forces to make that program mandatory for all separating members and to provide for the furnishing to such members of information about homelessness.
- ✓ **H.R.2569, Salute to Veterans and the Armed Forces Act of 2003**, would improve benefits for members of the Armed Forces and veterans and for their dependents and survivors.
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.37** : Expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue commemorative postage stamps honoring Americans who distinguished themselves by their service in the armed forces.
- ✓ **H.RES.387** : Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Rest and Recuperation Leave program for members of the Armed Forces serving in combat zones in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom should cover all travel and transportation costs necessary to return members of the Armed Forces granted such leave to their homes located throughout the United States.
- ✓ **H.J.RES.12** : Commends the members of the United States Armed Forces.

- ✓ **H.J.RES.62** : Recognizes Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.
- ✓ **H.R.3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act**, would require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.